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For: STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLING DEVICE AND CONTROL  
METHOD FOR STORAGE DEVICE CONTROLLING DEVICE

**CLAIM FOR PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC §119 AND 37 CFR § 1.55, Applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on Patent Application No. 2003-368591 filed in Japan on October 29, 2003.

Respectfully submitted,

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